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Art Unit: 1644

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Examiner: Gerald Ewoldt

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FOR: USE OF CD25 BINDING MOLECULES IN THE TREATMENT OF

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS OR SKIN DISEASES

MS: After Final Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In a telephone call on December 2, 2003, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified case indicated that he did not receive a response to the Final Action mailed on April 28, 2003. Applicants informed the Examiner that a response was timely filed on October 28, 2003 along with a petition for a three month extension of time. The Examiner requested that we resubmit the response by facsimile. Attached hereto is the previously submitted response and the petition for extension of time, along with a copy of the date-stamped postcard returned from the PTO indicating that the response was timely filed on October 28, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the presently filed papers upon their receipt be matched with the file and forwarded to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2003 having a shortened three month period for response which expired on July 28, 2003. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for a three month extension of time together with authorization to deduct the appropriate fee.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.